# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF STONE BOULDERS AT HIGHER RATES
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether stone boulders were procured at higher rates of Rs.455/- per cubic meter in FBP ignoring the lower ratesreceived during 1997 resulting in an extra expenditure of Rs. 29 lakhs;

(b) whether any investigation has been made therein and if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to fix the responsibility and accountability of officials responsible for causing the loss;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to bring transparency in the Government purchases of any sorts ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES ( SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (e) Stone boulders were procured @ Rs.445/-per cubic meter in FBP during 1997. This cost includes the cost of transportation and handling at site, i.e., loading, unloading and stacking. The matter was examined in the Ministry and it was found that no violation of any codal rules/ regulations had occurred in the procurement. The procurement of stone boulders did not cause any loss to the project. There is no failure on the part of any individual and the question of fixing responsibility does not arise.